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SUBJ: CODEL RYAN: VISIT SUMMARY

1. DURING ITS VISIT TO TUNIS CODEL RYAN FOCUSED PARTICULARLY ON TUNISIA'S STRATEGIC POSITION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND UPON THE EVENTS OF JANUARY 26-27. THE AMBASSADOR ADDRESSED THESE CONCERNS DURING A WIDE-RANGING BRIEFING. HE OUTLINED THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOT/USG RELATIONS FROM INDEPENDENCE TO THE PRESENT DAY AND IMPARTED HIS APPRECIATION OF THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND POLITICAL SITUATION WHICH SPARKED THE JANUARY DISORDERS. HE ALSO FIELDDED CODEL QUESTIONS CONCERNING GOT RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING STATES AND NEAR-TERM POLITICAL PROJECTIONS. PROGRAMMATIC TOPICS WERE EXAMINED AS WELL, SUCH AS USAID, PEACE CORPS, AND ARMS TRANSFERS.

2. DURING CODEL PROTOCOL VISITS, DEFENSE MINISTER FARHAT "INVITED" POTENTIAL OPPOSITION PARTIES TO CHALLENGE THE SOLE EXISTING PARTY (PARTIE SOCILISTE DESTOURIAN -PSD) IN THE COMING YEARS ELECTIONS. ACTING FONMIN BRAHIM
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TURKI GAVE FRANK ASSESSMENT OF TUNISIA RELATIONS WITH USSR, HER NEIBORING STATES, AND USG. VICE PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WELCOMED CODEL WARMLY, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR, AND REQUESTED CONTINUATION OF , U.S. ASSISTANCE.

3. EMBASSY TUNIS PROFITED FROM CODEL RYAN VISIT AND FROM

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN MOST RECENT GOT PRIORITIES WITH
REGARD TO DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS, FOREIGN RELATIONS,
INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. FAVORABLE
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